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SUBJECT: CULTURAL/SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES AGREEMENT

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1. OUR REPLY TO REFTEL WAS HELD PENDING RECEIPT OF ARMITAGE LETTER, WHICH ARRIVED MAY 24. HAVING READ IT, WE PROPOSE THAT CHARGE BE AUTHORIZED TO CALL ON ZEMLA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (WE FIND THE DELAY SINCE OUR ABORTED MEETING OF MAY 6 SOMEWHAT EMBARRASSING) TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS, BASED ON PARA 4 REFTEL AND ARMITAGE LETTER:

(A) TRIP TO WASHINGTON NOW WOULD NOT APPEAR TO BE THE BEST USE OF ZEMLA'S TIME, UNLESS HE WERE AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE THE ENTIRE TEXT. (WE BELIEVE HE WILL THEREUPON DROP THIS IDEA.)

(B) WE REGRET THE DELAY IN OUR NEGOTIATIONS, BUT AS HE HAS BEEN TOLD BEFORE, WE ARE SIMULTANEOUSLY NEGOTIATING IN BUDAPEST AND SOFIA. IN THAT CONNECTION, GOC MIGHT STUDY PARAGRAPH ON IMPLEMENTATION IN DRAFT BULGARIAN AGREEMENT (TEXT WOULD BE PRESENTED), WHICH IS ABOUT WHAT WE WISH TO HAVE IN US-CSSR AGREEMENT.

(C) AMBASSADOR BYRNE ARRIVES JUNE 5, AND
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OUR DELEGATION FEELS THE NEED TO CONSULT WITH HIM

BEFORE MEETING AGAIN. CHARGE WOULD PROPOSE
THEREFORE TO BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH ZEMLA ABOUT NEXT
MEETING FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL.

2. BY SEPTTEL EMBASSY WILL REPLY TO SUBSTANTIVE
POINTS IN REFTEL AND ARMITAGE LETTER. BECAUSE
OF OUR LONG DELAY IN REPLYING TO ZEMLA, WE WOULD
APPRECIATE PROMPT GUIDANCE FROM DEPARTMENT FOR
CHARGE'S CALL ON HIM, WHICH WE STRONGLY
PREFER TO MAKE THIS WEEK.
PERRY

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